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Case No. TM-98-444, File No. 9900423
Fidelity/Bourbeuse Telephone Company

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Subject: Staff's Recommendation to Approve Tariff Filing and Cancel Bourbeuse's Existing Tariff

Date: December 11, 1998

On December 1, 1998, Fidelity Telephone Company (Fidelity) and Bourbeuse Telephone Company (Bourbeuse) (referred to collectively as the Companies) filed tariff sheets proposing to modify tariff language to reflect the merger of Bourbeuse Telephone Company into Fidelity Telephone Company.

The proposed tariff changes reflect the merger that was approved by the Commission in Case No. TM-98-444. The effective date of the proposed tariff sheets, December 31, 1998, coincides with the effective date of the merger.

Specifically, the proposed tariff sheets incorporate Gerald, Bourbeuse's sole exchange, into Fidelity's local exchange service area (2nd revised sheet No. C). In addition, the proposal inserts an exchange area map for Gerald (original sheet 3.1), and modifies the cover page of Fidelity's access service tariff to remove language referencing Bourbeuse (MoPSC No. 6, 1st revised title page.)

The Telecommunications Department Staff (Staff) has reviewed the Companies' filing and believes it is in conformance with the Commission's order in Case No. TM-98-444. Staff recommends the Commission approve the Companies' proposal as submitted. In addition, Staff recommends the Commission cancel Bourbeuse's existing tariff, effective December 31, 1998, per request of the Companies. Staff is aware of no other filings that may affect or be affected by this filing.

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